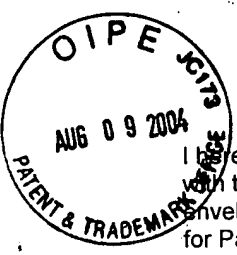


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**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Applicants herewith submit a sheet of drawing showing corrected Figure 4. Upon indication by the Examiner of acceptance of the correction, Applicants will submit a formal drawing.